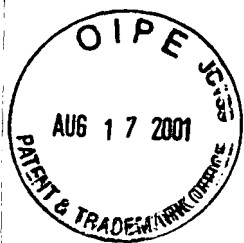


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

August 17, 2001

Sir:

In the above-identified application, a copy of the original executed Declaration and Power of Attorney was submitted to the U.S.P.T.O. on **August 2, 2001**.

As evidence of authenticity of the copy under 37 C.F.R. § 1.4(d)(2), Applicant submits herewith the original executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and requests that it be made part of the Prosecution History of the above-identified application by being added to the contents of the file wrapper of the above-identified application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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